

*Truth seeks no Corners:*

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FROM

A Non-interessed SOULDIER

TO HIS

Loving Fellow-Souldiers

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*Gentlemen, and Fellow-Souldiers,*

**H**AVING for these twenty years, been Employ'd in Marshall Discipline, and carefully observed the Practices of some Officers Late of the Army, with grief I expresse the many Injuries and unparrallel'd Cruelties exercised on persons deserving so much honour and affection from them as you have done; is the onely Cause that drew me to this ! And no sinister or byast-Interest whatsoever ; having always valued the Peace and Welfare of the Nation, far above my own Concernments. And now perceiving that there are strong endeavours once more to make these Nations and your selves miserable, by continuation of a War; and that there are not wanting those who labour to perswade you that your Interest lies in Ad-  
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hering to some Officers late of the Army; who have made shipwrack of all Oaths and Engagements, through whose breach of faith you are become contemptible to all Nations; who are so far from making a Reconciliation towards God or Man by an unfeigned Repentance, and turning from the evil of their practices, that they with their Instruments, palliate their fowl Enormities, endeavouring by all means possible to destroy the honour of all your Actions, by Adhering to them whose Power is Will, whose Justice is Cruelty, whose Laws are Confusion, whose Religion is the Seat of Rebellion, whose Designe can have no other End then Tyranny, and to involve you and yours in perpetual Slavery. Therefore *Fellow Souldiers*, Let us look back and survey their by past practices, and we shall find there was never Oath or Promise kept farther then served their own Interest. Did not most of those Officers (by Gods mercy) now cashier'd the Army, purchase your Debenters (the price of blood) from two shillings to a noble in the pound, to enrich them-

themselves, and perpetuate your Slavery. And through their Cruelty many of our *Fellow Souldiers*, which were wounded in Battle and made unservicable, with wives and children starved in the streets for want of bread, while they Lorded it over you, Tyrant-like.

Now Examine your selves whether when you have demanded your pay, you were not had before Court Martials, and hang'd to all your shames, while they rob'd you and the Commonwealth of your Dues. And let me further desire you to consider what you can expect; who have alwayes been made the scorne and contempt of those whom you have advanc't by your valour. The premises being duly and Christianly considered, I as a Friend and Fellow Souldier, have made bold to write to you these lines, that you might the better see your Condition, if you should suffer your selves again to be captivated by the specious pretences of an Interested sort of People, who rage and rore (like their Father the Devil)

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wanting your assistance to help them to devour.

Therefore my earnest Request to you is, that you would as you are Christians and Englishmen, bewail the blood you have already spilt in your own Countrey, and with souls fitted for the Receit of Mercy, humbly prostrate your selves before the God of Mercy, beseeching him to distill into your souls by the Influence of his holy Spirit, Grace: whereby you may be fitted to be made partakers of so great a Mercy and Deliverance, as the Lord himself is now a working in the three, wounded, bleeding, and miserable Nations, which is his own blessing, Peace, the fruits whereof though but in the bud, should raise your souls to that pitch, that you should with all cheerfulness humbly submit to his gracious hand of providence, who seems mercifully once more to shine upon these Nations, by restoring unto us our native Rights as men, and my dear fellow-souldiers, let not railing *Rabshakehs* prevaile over you, in persuading

swading you that you shall lose your rights as Christians, for the Lord himselfe will plead the cause of the humble and meek, but the stiffnecked and rebellious he will destroy.

I shall conclude with this exhortation, *That you would seriously consider, and ponder in your hearts this truth, That if you comply not, and submit not with the Nations publique Interest, and just Power now made choice of by common consent of the people, but follow a few private Ambitious Restless persons, whose gain is their godliness, whose glory is their shame, you will run your selves on the rock of Ruine, and make your names infamous to all posterity: And which is most deplorable, run headlong to your own eternall ruine.*

The which that you may prevent, with one heart yeeld consent and obedience to the peoples free Choice in Parliament; And let all that love Englands peace say Amen.

Postscript.

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**F**ellow-souldiers, This Paper is presented  
 to you from a Lover and Friend, who  
 hath alwaies honoured you for your Valour;  
 and has a more reall affection for you; then  
 the cruelty of your Taskmasters will suffer  
 him that is your friend to discover. If any  
 one shall say the Pen-man of this is a lover of  
 Gen:all Monck, 'tis true I am: though I ne-  
 ver received any favour from him; for his  
 faithfulnessse, mercifulnesse, prudence, justice,  
 valour, and constancy, command no lesse from  
 all just men & lovers of their Country; Whom  
 the Lord Preserve in all his just Designes.  
 Thus Prays a Lover of his Country.

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